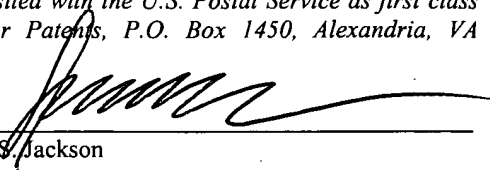




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In response to the final Office action of December 15, 2005, and in conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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